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CHANNEL FILLED; SURF-CASTERS CLUB USES 3000 BAGS; OVER 100 WORK

Group Will Reassemble  
This Sunday To Reconforce  
Dam; Selectman Kidder  
Holds Club

Over one hundred members of the Lower Cape Surf-Casters Club and others assembled Sunday morning, June 2nd, to dam up with sand bags the channel that for the first time in many years has made Monomoy Point an Island. Starting soon after dawn the group under the leadership of Selectman Edwin Kidder, President of the Surf-Casters Club, labored throughout the day filling approximately three thousand bags donated by the state.

Beach Wagons loaned by some of the members trucked the bags a short distance to the place where the channel about one hundred and twenty feet wide had broken through during the winter assisted by heavy gales near Little Beach. The channel which was completely blocked with sand bags during the day had completely cut off at high tide Monomoy Point from the Mainland isolating the

NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN; ASSISTANT EDITOR  
JOHNSON'S & WITHERELL'S  
OPEN

Two new businesses, both candy sh ops, will be found on Main Street this summer. Johnson's Cape Cod Candies has already opened a shop in the former Western Union Office next to the New York Sandwich Shop, and Witherell's Glass House Goodies will open June 15th in a shop next to Smith's Drug Store in the old Post Office Block. Both will offer an extensive variety of candies.

4TH CELEBRATION PLANNED

Under the sponsorship of the American Legion an active program is already being planned for the 4th of July. Like last year there will be a full program of sports probably including Yachting events, Baseball Game and a swimming race. The annual Band Concert and a parade are also being arranged. It is planned that the dedication-- con, col. 3

Chatham Coast Guard Station, Camps, and the various fishing places along the beach line.

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MARRIES  
Miss Alice Cahoon,

Assistant Editor of "The Chatham Chatter", since it's first issue was married to Mr. John Atwood of West Barnstable Saturday night in a ceremony at Hyannis. Miss Cahoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Cahoon of this town, attended Chatham High School and graduated in the Class of '35.

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4th Celebration

of Bourne Airport will take place during the afternoon. Officials are attempting to arrange for an air meet. The National Airports Historical Society has taken an interest in the event and a cachet will be stamped on all airmail letters.

Miss Catherine Nickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nickerson is planning to attend a school for dental assistants this fall.

The Bourne Motor Sales Band played at the Partsmen and Service managers annual ladies night, at the Ford plant in Somerville.

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## Items Of Interest

The graduation of the Class of 1940, Chatham High School, will take place at the Chatham Theatre at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, June 14th.

The New York Sandwich Shop reopened recently.

A Health Clinic for 19 pre-school children was held last Saturday at the school building. Drs. Keene and Hopkins examined the children with Mrs. Marion McNeese, school nurse assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. de Kosloski of Philadelphia are at their summer home.

Mrs. John Wells and her two sons are expected to arrive here early next week.

The ninth annual Field Day of the Chatham High School was held this morning at Veterans Field under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Bassett and Mrs. Annie Eldredge.

Mr. Harry Forgeron has returned to town after spending the winter studying at the School of Journalism of New York University in New York City.

Two new stoves, one gas and the other electric have been installed in the home economics room at the Chatham High School, recently. They will be used by students under the direction of Miss Rosamond Honry, instructor in Home Economics.

Mr. Horace Reynolds, builder, has constructed during the winter a new resid once for Mr. Loods in North Chatham.

Also during the winter Mr. Reynolds has reconstructed on Stage Neck a house, originally brought over from Welfleet, for Prof. and Mrs. George Forsyth.

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The work of the volunteers was assisted by a sand plow owned by Mr. Fred Crowell of Harwichport which piled large amounts of sand onto the dam. Members of the club will reassemble next Sunday to reinforce the dam with the two thousand bags of sand still remaining.

The Chatham Town Team defeated Orleans 6 to 1 in a game played on Veterans Field on Wednesday.

Book Reviews-- by Alice B. Gilbert  
 The Scarlet Pimpernel (By Baroness Orczy, Grosset & Dunlap, Publishers New York) is a exciting story that occurs during the French revolution. As you well know the French Revolution was a time when all the French Aristocrats and Royalists that the people could get their hands on were put to death at the guillotine. Practically every day a mysterious scrap of paper would be found by a man with a note saying the Englishmen were at work. It was signed by a star shaped flower which the English call the Scarlet Pimpernel. Within a few hours an Aristocrat that was going to the guillotine would escape. This was naturally credited to the Scarlet Pimpernel. The French are naturally very mad at this interruption from an Englishman so they try to capture him. Who is the Scarlet Pimpernel? Why does he want these people to escape the guillotine? Is he captured? These and many other things fill the book with a lot more excitement than you have bargained for. I recommend this delightful book.

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## Editorial Page

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## What Can Be Done--

The fine project undertaken successfully by the Surf-Casters Club is an example of what can be accomplished when community spirit prevails. A large number of Chatham residents assisted by others from towns as far away as Taunton have shown this community spirit by turning out voluntarily to fill up the channel which isolated Nonomey Point. With community spirit and cooperation Chatham can do nearly any thing it wants. We congratulate the Lower Cape Surf-Casters Club in taking the lead in such a necessary civic project.

## The Editor Remarks--

As of yet the Chatter has not in its possession any definite facts concerning the reason for the tragic death of Dr. Minnie Buck. Therefore this editorial is not on what happened but what should be done to prevent other similar tragedies. It is our firm belief, knowing not

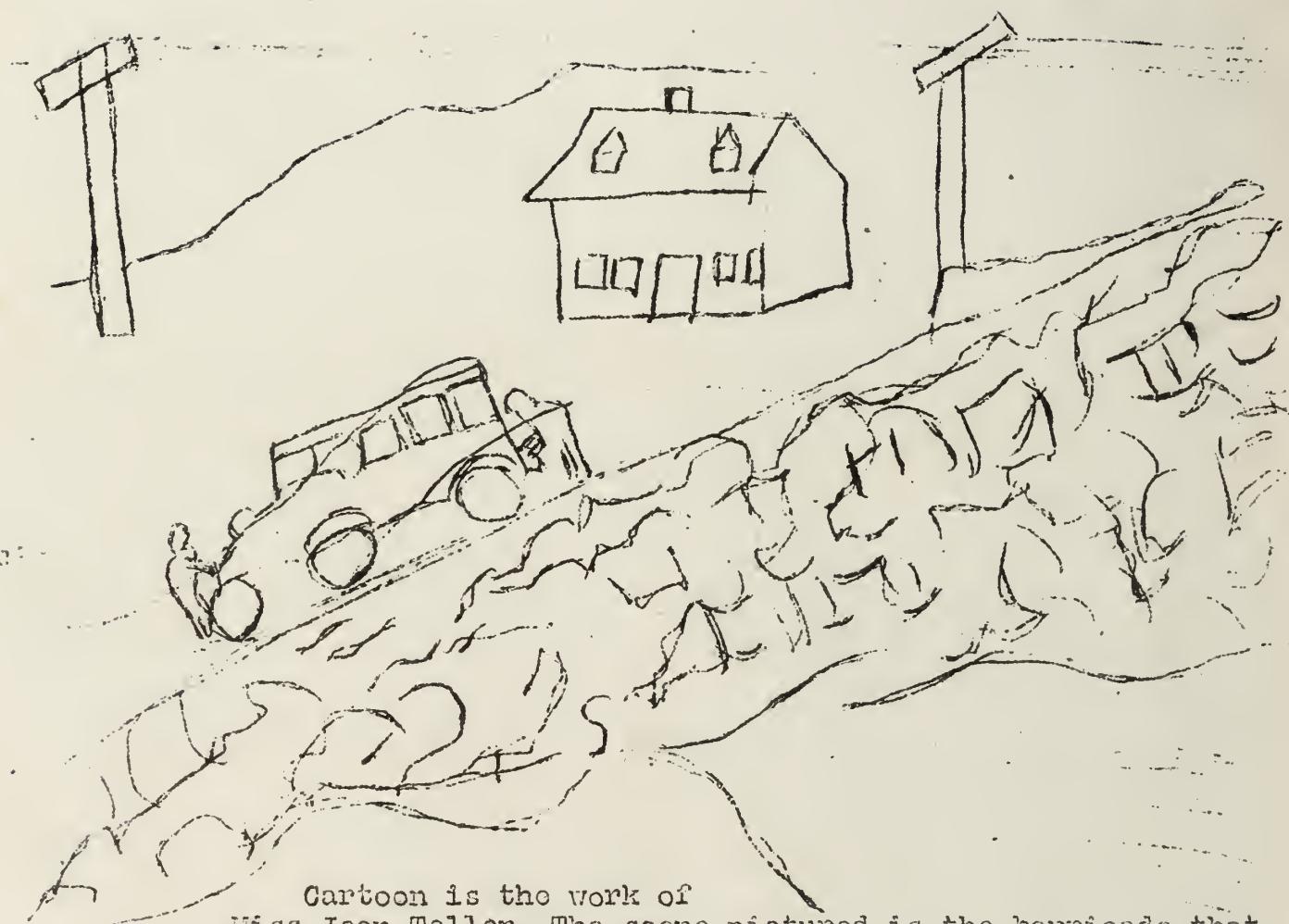
whether the recent explosion was a result of negligence or just an accident, that unless it can be guaranteed to citizens of this town that such an explosion will not occur again that gas should be cut off from this town.

This year, like last year, The Milkweed Printing Company, publishers of "The Chatham Chatter", will issue The Chatham Guide book containing information that will be of help to tourists visiting Chatham. The book will be distributed beginning July the fourteenth, in the various stores in the free of charge. Departing from The Milkweed Printing Company's usual policy, advertisements will be accepted but not solicited and those accepted will be only ones that will assist visitors to the town. Each ad will cost 25¢ and no more than one ad will be accepted from any one company. The ads will be three lines long and 23 spaces wide. No ads. bigger than this will be accepted.

Hats off to Mr. Joshua Nickerson and others who persuaded the New Haven to keep the Old Colony railway running for the summer at least. We suggest that those of you who are interested in the legal battle going on write to The Old Colony Commuters League, 75 Federal Street, Boston, Mass. You may become a member for 25¢.

We believe that notice should be given of the continued success of Miss Helen Balfour at the horse shows at the school she is attending in Wellesley. We congratulate her.

Associate Editor Alice Gilbert will be in charge of World's Fair news this year continuing the position she held last



Cartoon is the work of

Miss Joan Teller. The scene pictured is the barricade that the Lower Cape Surf-Casters Club has erected to connect Monomoy Point with the Mainland. Story page 1.

The General Electric Exhibit-By Frank B. Gilbert

The two things in the General Electric Exhibit that attracted the **most attention** were the House of Magic and Man-made lightning. In the House of Magic you see sound and hear light. This is done by an arrangement of electric eyes and other things. They have a little train controlled by the human voice. The control of the train is completely based on the amount of syllables in the words you say. One will stop it, two will send it backwards and three or more will send it forwards. Several other interesting things in the show are a wheel run by electric light a devise that could float metals in the air by wing, and different kind of magnetism. The most humorous part of the demonstration is when they made illusions with light. They turn on a certain light and your teeth become green and bright red and then change to a horrible dark shade. A certain light called Scrobooscope will make fast moving objects seem to move slowly or even stand still. They also have artificial fever machines.

Man-made lightning proves that the Trylon protects the Perisphere and anything within a quarter of a mile by showing you a miniature model of it being struck by lightning. They have several 5 and 10 million bolts of lightning. The deafening roar can be heard a good distance away from the demonstration. There are many other interesting things in the building.